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selected from the group consisting of soybean smell, vegetable smell, smell of garlic, smell of old rice, smell of konjak jelly, smell of vitamin, smell of retort-pouched product, smell of non-fish animal meat and smell of powdered milk, and wherein the orally ingestible product is selected from the group consisting of grated horseradish, Kimchi, grated Japanese radish, vinegar, pickled Ume, lemon juice, soya milk, foods containing soybean protein, vegetable juice, tomato juice, grated garlic, old rice, konjak jelly, foods containing vitamin B group, retort-pouched foods, mutton and foods containing powdered skim milk.

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13. (Amended) A method for masking at least one of an odor and a flavor other than a bitter flavor, of a material lacking a bitter flavor and having said at least one of an odor and a flavor other than a bitter flavor, in an orally ingestible product, comprising adding a nontoxic salt of gluconic acid to said product, wherein the flavor is selected from the group consisting of astringency, pungency, sourness and flavor of powdered milk, and wherein the odor is selected from the group consisting of soybean smell, vegetable smell, smell of garlic, smell of old rice, smell of konjak jelly, smell of vitamin, smell of retort-pouched product, smell of non-fish animal meat and smell of powdered milk, and wherein the orally ingestible product is selected from the group consisting of grated horseradish, Kimchi, grated Japanese radish, vinegar, pickled Ume, lemon juice, soya milk, foods containing soybean protein, vegetable juice, tomato juice, grated garlic, old rice, konjak jelly, foods containing vitamin B group, retort-pouched foods, mutton and foods containing powdered skim milk.

Please cancel Claims 10-12 and 14-16.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 9 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claims 10-12 therein, and Claim 13 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claims 14-16